IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3732
FREEMAN, Jr. et al.) Confirmation No.: 5694
Serial No.: 10/848,929) Examiner: O'Connor, Cary E.
Filed: May 18, 2004) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO) MARCH 8, 2006 OFFICE ACTION
Atty. File No.: 1029-358-CIP)))
For: "EDGEWISE ORTHODONTIC BRACKET WITH CHARACTER BASE" (As amended))))

Mail Stop: Amendments

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2006. Please deduct \$900.00 from Deposit Account No. 19-1970 to cover the additional claims presented herein. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings are discussed at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.